

Appl. No. 10,648,755
Amdt. dated August 26, 2003

Docket No. 2543-28-99A

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter into the present application.

The amendments to the specification and the amendment to claim 1 delete the phrase "through autoxidation." This change merely removes speculation about the mechanism of heat-induced deterioration of polymers. Polymers that are susceptible to heat-induced deterioration (regardless of mechanism) are discussed elsewhere in the present specification, for example at page 1, line 12, and page 3, line 14.


The amendment to claim 10 recites a particular embodiment of Formula 1 that is described in the present specification, for example, on page 5, lines 3-5.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the foregoing amendments at this time. If there any issues that the Examiner believes can be resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned agent.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If, however, any additional fees, including petition or extension fees, are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them, as well as to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Respectfully Submitted,

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